How to use the Bus Farebox

When boarding your first bus and before depositing money into the farebox, always tell the driver if you want a transfer; if you are paying a discount fare; or, if you are paying for additional riders.

Coins and tokens go into the coin slot and bills into the bill slot.

Magnetic transfers issued on buses with electronic fareboxes expire two hours from the time issued.

When boarding, dip magnetic transfer into the transfer slot and the farebox will indicate if it's valid and return it to you.

If you board a bus with an older model farebox, show the magnetic transfer to the driver who will determine if it is valid.

If you have a pass, paper transfer, or Trolley ticket, show it to the driver.

Paper transfers issued by a driver on an MTS Bus with an older farebox will expire 90 minutes from the end of the line.

On MTS Buses, when transferring to a route that has a higher fare, you cannot pay your full (higher) fare on the first bus. Pay the regular fare on the first route and get your transfer. On the second route, put your transfer into the farebox and pay the upgrade fare.

MTS Rider Promotions

Friends Ride Free for the Holidays
On New Year's, Memorial, Independence, Labor, Thanksgiving, and Christmas Day holidays — your friend may ride any MTS bus or Trolley when you pay your regular fare using cash or pass.

Family Weekends
Two children (12 and under) ride free Saturdays and Sundays with a fare-paying adult (18 or older) on MTS Bus or Trolley.

This Fare Facts is produced by SANDAG, the regional transportation and planning agency. SANDAG develops the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) to implement a long-range, dynamic, and multi-modal transportation vision for the region; and the Regional Comprehensive Plan (RCP) to better coordinate land use and transportation planning for a more sustainable future.

SANDAG allocates millions of dollars in local, state, and federal funds each year to improve and operate the region's transportation network. SANDAG also manages the allocation of funds for projects supported by your local half-cent transportation sales tax, *TransNet*.

SANDAG TransNet

The Compass Card is coming!

The region's new Compass Card is scheduled to hit the streets in late 2007 and will make using transit easier and more convenient than ever. Passengers will be able to purchase fare products and store them on the state-of-the-art Compass Card. Passengers will have fares validated simply by waving the card in front of a ticket vending machine or fare box. For seniors and persons with disabilities, the card will incorporate photo identification with the transit pass. The Compass Card will be used on all MTS and NCTD services.

Discount Passes

Regional Bus, Trolley, and COASTER discounted Senior, Disabled, Medicare, and Youth passes are made possible by *TransNet*, a local half-cent sales tax measure extended by San Diego voters in 2004, and administered by SANDAG. Riders must show proof of eligibility. Senior/Disabled riders with proof that they are 60 years of age or are disabled are eligible to use the reduced Senior/Disabled cash fare or discounted Regional or COASTER monthly pass. Individuals with valid Medicare cards also will receive this discount. Youth, 6-18, are eligible to purchase a reduced price monthly Regional or COASTER pass.

Proper proof of eligibility includes an MTS or NCTD I.D. card, a Medicare card, a current driver's license, or Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) Senior/Disabled I.D. Transit identification cards for senior, disabled, and youth riders are available at The Transit Store, Monday through Friday 9:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. Cost for I.D. Card is $6.00 ($4.00 for a replacement card). NCTD reduced fare ID cards are available free from NCTD Customer Service, 810 Mission Avenue, Oceanside, CA., Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. For ADA certification, call 1-877-232-7433 (MTS) or 760-966-6525 (NCTD).

MTS Access & NCTD Lift

Access and LIFT are complementary public transportation alternatives provided for persons meeting eligibility criteria established by the federal American with Disabilities Act. For information on fares for Access and Lift please visit www.sdcommute.com or call 1-800-266-6883. TTY/TDD service is available at 1-888-722-4889.

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Fare Facts

A guide to Bus, Trolley, and COASTER fares in San Diego County

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REGIONAL MONTHLY PASS

The Regional Monthly Pass gives you one calendar month of unlimited riding, plus the convenience of having your fare handy anytime. Select the Pass that is valid for the routes you plan to ride. For a complete listing of MTS Local, Urban, Express, Commuter Express, and Rural Routes, and NCTD BREEZE and FAST Bus Routes, go to www.sdcommute.com. Pass prices for BREEZE and FAST Bus and the COASTER rail service are listed under their respective sections in this guide.

Pass Type	Price	Accepted On
Senior Disabled Medicare*	$15.00	All MTS Bus Routes All San Diego Trolley Lines All NCTD BREEZE and FAST Routes
Youth*	$30.00	Same as above
Adult	$60.00	All MTS Local and Urban Bus Routes; DART; MTS Trolley Lines; and NCTD BREEZE and FAST Routes
Express	$64.00	All of above plus All MTS Express Bus
Commuter	$84.00	All of above plus all Commuter Express Bus Routes

Passes not valid on Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) paratransit services.

All Regional Passes

Require Upgrades	When transferring to a higher-priced bus route (no transfer issued)
On DART	$0.50
On Rural Routes	$4.00 within 1 Zone $8.00 within 2 Zones
Senior, Disabled, Medicare	$2.00 per zone
Receive COASTER Credit	
Regular	$2.00 credit toward purchase of Regular one-way ticket
Senior, Disabled, Medicare	$1.00 credit toward purchase of Senior, Disabled, Medicare one-way ticket

***Proof of Eligibility** required for riders using: Senior (60+ years), Disabled, Medicare, and Youth (ages 6 to 18 years) discount pass.*

Remember

Transfers are good for all MTS Bus Routes, including return trips. Show your transfer to the driver of the next bus. On the Trolley, the transfer must be valid for the entire trip; show the transfer to a fare inspector if requested. No transfers are issued between NCTD Buses; use NCTD Day Pass.

Regional Day Trippers

Purchase up to four consecutive days of unlimited travel on all MTS Trolley Lines, most MTS Buses and all BREEZE and FAST Buses with one pass, at one low price. One-day passes purchased from a Trolley ticket machine expire at the end of the Operating Day on which they are purchased. Multi-day passes expire at the end of the Operating Day of the last day valid.

Type of Day Tripper	Price
1 Day Tripper	$ 5.00
2 Day Tripper	$ 9.00
3 Day Tripper	$12.00
4 Day Tripper	$15.00
Classroom Daytripper	$1.50

One-day pass good on all MTS and NCTD Routes (upgrade required for COASTER and MTS Rural Routes). Groups of 15 or more students (up to age 18) qualify.

Bicycles, Strollers, and Luggage

No extra charge for transporting bikes, strollers, and luggage on buses, Trolleys, or the COASTER. For information on bike storage locker availability at stations, call 1-800-COMMUTE, (266-6883), option 3.

Where to Buy Passes, Tickets, & Tokens

Online eStore —go to **www.sdcommute.com** and visit the eStore to purchase monthly passes and Day Trippers online.

The Transit Store—your store for most passes, tokens, maps, timetables, MTS lost-and-found, and transit gift certificates. Visa, MasterCard, and American Express accepted. (619) 234-1060.

102 Broadway (at First Avenue), San Diego.
Store hours: Monday-Friday, 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Closed on Saturdays, Sundays, and major holidays.

Escondido, Vista, and Oceanside NCTD Transit Centers—for NCTD and regional monthly passes; open 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Monthly passes are also available at the NCTD main office, 810 Mission Avenue in Oceanside from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Credit cards accepted. (760) 966-6500.

All San Diego County Ralphs, Vons, Longs Drugs stores; select Food 4 Less; and other locations offer regional monthly passes. For the pass sales outlet nearest you, call **1-800-COMMUTE (206-6883)**. Monthly COASTER passes can also be purchased at COASTER station vending machines.

Pass-By-Mail Program

A convenient way to receive your monthly pass! For the Regional Bus and Trolley Pass, send your check or money order payable to:

SANDAG Pass Sales
401 B St., Ste 800, San Diego, CA 92101

For the COASTER monthly pass, send your check or money order (payable to NCTD) to: COASTER Plus 810 Mission Avenue, Oceanside, CA 92054.

For Pass-by-Mail envelopes, stop by The Transit Store or send a request to the appropriate address above.

Monthly Passes are sold beginning on the 20th of the preceding month at The Transit Store and on the 25th at all other outlets.

Half-Price Bus and Trolley Monthly

Passes may be purchased from the 15th to the 24th of each month at the Transit Store.

North County Transit District

BREEZE & FAST Bus and Pass Fares

North County Transit District

Single trip cash fare, one bus	$2.00
Senior, Disabled, Medicare	$1.00
Day Pass – Adult	$4.00
Day Pass – Senior, Disabled, Medicare	$2.00
BREEZE Monthly Pass	$54.00
BREEZE College Monthly Pass*	$39.00 - 42.00

Special Stadium Bus Service

Adult (round-trip)	$12.00
Youth (12 and under round-trip)	$4.00

One way fares are half the round trip price.

**Only available at select North County colleges to registered students. See www.sdcommute.com for schools and pricing.*

MTS universal tokens accepted for a single trip; tokens not accepted for purchase of day pass.

Children

Children five years and under ride free on any bus route with any paying passenger. Children six and above pay the regular fare.

COASTER

COASTER ticket machines dispense Single Trip, One-Trip Transfer from Transit, Two-Trip, and Ten-Trip tickets. COASTER tickets are good for 90 days from date of purchase. All tickets must be validated (in the orange validator machine) prior to boarding (tickets expire two hours after validation). Passengers without validated tickets are subject to citation and/or fine.

COASTER monthly passes are good for unlimited trips within the zones designated and honored on all public transit services in San Diego County except paratransit services. Upgrades are necessary when riding on MTS Rural Routes with COASTER tickets or passes.

AMTRAK RAIL-2-RAIL

This benefit gives COASTER and AMTRAK passengers extra options in train travel! Your COASTER monthly pass lets you board any AMTRAK train within the zone limits of your pass at no extra charge. In general, AMTRAK trains only stop at Santa Fe Depot, Solana Beach, and Oceanside stations. However, AMTRAK will stop at Old Town station at select times. AMTRAK ticket holders can ride any COASTER train between Oceanside and San Diego within the origination/destination stations listed on the ticket. For more details, go to www.gonctd.com or www.amtrakcalifornia.com.

For NCTD transferring information, see Transferring Between Services

COASTER Zone-to-Zone Ticket & Pass Prices

	Regular				Youth	Senior, Disabled, Medicare			
Number of Zone	One Trip	One Trip Transfer from Transit	Monthly Pass	Ten Trip	Monthly Pass	One Trip	One Trip Transfer from Transit	Ten Trip	Monthly Pass
Within 1 Zone	$4.00	$2.00	$115.00	$36.00		$2.00	$1.00	$18.00	
Within 2 Zone	$4.50	$2.50	$126.00	$40.50		$2.25	$1.25	$20.25	
Within 3 Zone	$5.00	$3.00	$142.00	$45.00		$2.50	$1.50	$22.50	
Within 4 Zone	$5.50	$3.50	$154.00	$50.00	$77.00	$2.75	$1.75	$25.00	$38.00

WHERE TO GET ANSWERS

www.sdcommute.com for regional trip planning, online pass purchases, and MTS news and information!

www.gonctd.com or 1-800-COASTER for NCTD BREEZE and FAST bus, COASTER rail, and LIFT service information. Lost and Found: (760) 967-2884

www.ridelink.org for information on carpooling, vanpooling, bicycling, and more. Call 1-800-COMMUTE (206-6883), option 3.

www.keepsandiegomoving.com to learn about future public transit and transportation projects.

www.sandag.org or (619) 699-1900 to learn more about SANDAG and its regional projects and responsibilities.

Regional Telephone Information for routes and fares: (619) 233-3004 or toll free, 1-800-COMMUTE. [TTY/TDD for persons with hearing impairments (619) 234-5005, or toll free (888) 722-4889]. Information operators are available Monday through Friday, 5:30 a.m-8:30 p.m.; and weekends, 7:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.

InfoExpress: (619) 685-4900. Automated phone information when you know your route.

See other side for Regional Pass and Daytripper information.

TRANSFERRING BETWEEN SERVICES

Transferring from a Trolley

Your must purchase a Trolley ticket valid for furthest point that you will travel on the Trolley network, regardless of whether it is on the Blue, Orange, or Green Lines. Retain your Trolley ticket for your entire journey. Your Trolley ticket may also be used as a transfer to an MTS or NCTD Bus, within two hours of purchase of the ticket. Round Trip tickets are also good for transfers onto MTS and NCTD Buses within two hours from the time of purchase. You may not board an MTS or NCTD Bus with a Trolley ticket if it is longer than two hours since you purchased the ticket. A cash upgrade is required if the bus you are transferring to has a higher fare than the one-way value of your Trolley ticket.

Transferring from NCTD BREEZE Buses

BREEZE riders transferring to other BREEZE Routes should purchase a Day Pass, Regional Monthly Pass, or BREEZE Monthly Pass. Riders using a single fare or BREEZE monthly pass who are connecting to MTS Routes should request an interagency transfer. Interagency transfers to MTS Local or Urban Routes do not require an upgrade. Upgrades are required for MTS Express, Commuter Express, and Rural Routes. Senior and disabled riders with interagency transfers, Day Passes, or monthly passes are not required to pay an upgrade fare on any MTS Routes, except on MTS Rural Routes

Transferring between the COASTER, BREEZE, and FAST

You may use a COASTER ticket for one ride on the BREEZE or FAST to get to and from the COASTER. Simply show your COASTER ticket to the BREEZE or FAST operator as you board.

Transferring between COASTER and MTS Trolley or Bus

A passenger can transfer for free from the COASTER to an MTS Bus or Trolley. There are no free transfers to the COASTER from any bus or Trolley. Passengers with a monthly pass, Day Pass, Trolley ticket, or MTS transfer receive a station discount off the one-way zone fare. To purchase a ticket with this discount, press the "transfer from transit" button on the ticket machine.

Transferring to-and-from other transit providers

Special transfer agreements exist between NCTD and Greyhound, MetroLink, and the Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA). There is no arrangement with the Riverside Transit Agency (RTA).

NCTD Route 395 to OCTA Route 1 or Route 191:
The passenger will pay the appropriate NCTD single cash fare (or Day Pass fare) and be issued an interagency transfer. This transfer or Day Pass will be accepted by OCTA drivers as full fare for one boarding. In addition, NCTD BREEZE Passes and Regional Passes will be accepted by OCTA as full fare for one boarding on its system.

OCTA Route 1 or Route 191 to NCTD Route 395:
An OCTA passenger may transfer from an OCTA Bus to NCTD Route 395 by displaying a valid OCTA Day Pass, or a valid OCTA Monthly Pass. No further fare upgrade will be required. The OCTA Day Pass or Monthly Pass is good for one boarding only on NCTD service.

METROLINK Trip Tickets and Monthly Passes are valid as full boarding fare on NCTD Buses on all routes heading to or from the Oceanside Transit Center.

Greyhound passengers traveling between Escondido and Oceanside Transit Centers may surrender one of their tickets to travel on NCTD BREEZE services between these two Transit Centers.

Metropolitan Transit System

Bus and Trolley Cash Fares

Due to upcoming changes, MTS Bus Route numbers are not listed at this time. For information on a specific route number, please refer to its corresponding pamphlet available on the bus and at The Transit Store, or visit www.sdcommute.com.

Bus Routes	Price
Shuttle Routes	$1.00
Local Routes	$1.75
Urban Routes	$2.25
Express Routes	$2.50
Commuter Express Routes	$4.00

Senior, Disabled, Medicare

For all regular fixed-route bus services	$1.00

Rural Routes

Within 1 Zone	$5.00
Within 2 Zones	$10.00
Senior, Disabled, Medicare Within 1 Zone	$2.50
Senior, Disabled, Medicare Within 2 Zones	$5.00

MTS Rural Bus service cash fares are based on a zone system. The rural zone boundary runs north-south, with boundaries at Ramona, Alpine, and Tecate border crossing stations. With one-way trip lengths of 15 to 80 miles, this limited service links northeastern and southeastern parts of the region to mulitimodal transit centers and major shopping facilities.

Children

On all bus routes and the Trolley, children five years and under ride free with any paying passenger. Children six and above pay the regular fare.

MTS Special Stadium Bus Services

One-Way	$6.00
Round-Trip	$10.00

MTS Trolley Cash Fares

One-Way Travel

1 Station	$1.50
2 Stations	$1.75
3 Stations	$2.00
4-10 Stations	$2.25
11-19 Stations	$2.50
20+ Stations	$3.00
Downtown Zone	$1.25
Senior/Disabled/Medicare	$1.00

One-Way: Trolley one-way tickets are valid for two hours from the time of purchase for a specific number of stations. Regulations require that your ticket be valid at all times while you are on board the Trolley. If you cannot complete your one-way trip within the two-hour time period, you must disembark and purchase another ticket to complete your journey.

Single ride Trolley tickets may not be used for return travel to the same station where the ticket was purchased. The ticket may be used to continue a one-way trip (with stopovers) away from the station where the ticket was purchased.

Round-Trip: Cost is double the one-way fare. Return trip is allowed any time during the same operating day.

MTS Bus and Trolley Universal Tokens

Universal tokens are valid for a $2.25 trip and are accepted on all MTS and NCTD BREEZE and FAST Buses and at select Trolley ticket machines. To purchase a one-way $2.25 Trolley ticket using a token, first press the "pay with token" button. Then deposit the token. For higher-priced Trolley tickets, purchase an upgrade ticket using cash (not a token). For higher-priced bus trips, deposit the difference in cash in the farebox. Tokens are sold individually and in packages of 20 and 40 at the MTS Transit Store.

Individual Token	$2.25
20 Tokens	$41.80
40 Tokens	$83.60

Packs of 20 tokens are also available at select outlets. Call 1-800-COMMUTE for the location nearest you.

DART-Direct Access to Regional Transit (MTS)

Riders can pay a fare with cash or use a Regional Pass or MTS transfer with an upgrade fare.

Adult (one-way)	$3.00
Senior, Disabled, Medicare (one-way)	$1.50
Regional Pass	$0.50 upgrade fare
Transfer	Upgrade may be required

DART riders connecting to MTS Bus Routes should request a transfer; an upgrade fare is required for Commuter Express Routes.

For MTS transfer information, see section on transferring between services.

A valid fare is required at all rail stations.